



## NILE NATIONS : WORLD GEOGRAPHY

**NEWS :** Nile nations agree on water-sharing without Egypt's nod

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

A regional partnership involving 10 countries has ratified an agreement on the equitable use of Nile River resources, despite Egypt's opposition. This agreement on the equitable use of Nile River resources has come into effect immediately. This move aims to address water resource management amid rising tensions linked to Ethiopia's controversial dam project on the Blue Nile.

- **Countries Ratified Accord:** Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania.
- **Non-Signatories:** Egypt and Sudan.
- **Abstained:** Congo.
- **Pending Ratification:** Kenya.
- **Nile Basin Initiative:** The accord is seen as a collective effort for sustainable water use to benefit future generations.
- **Tensions:** Ethiopia's \$4 billion dam on the Blue Nile raises concerns for Egypt's water and irrigation supply.



### About the Nile River:

- **Location:** One of the longest rivers, around 6,650 km, flowing through northeastern Africa.

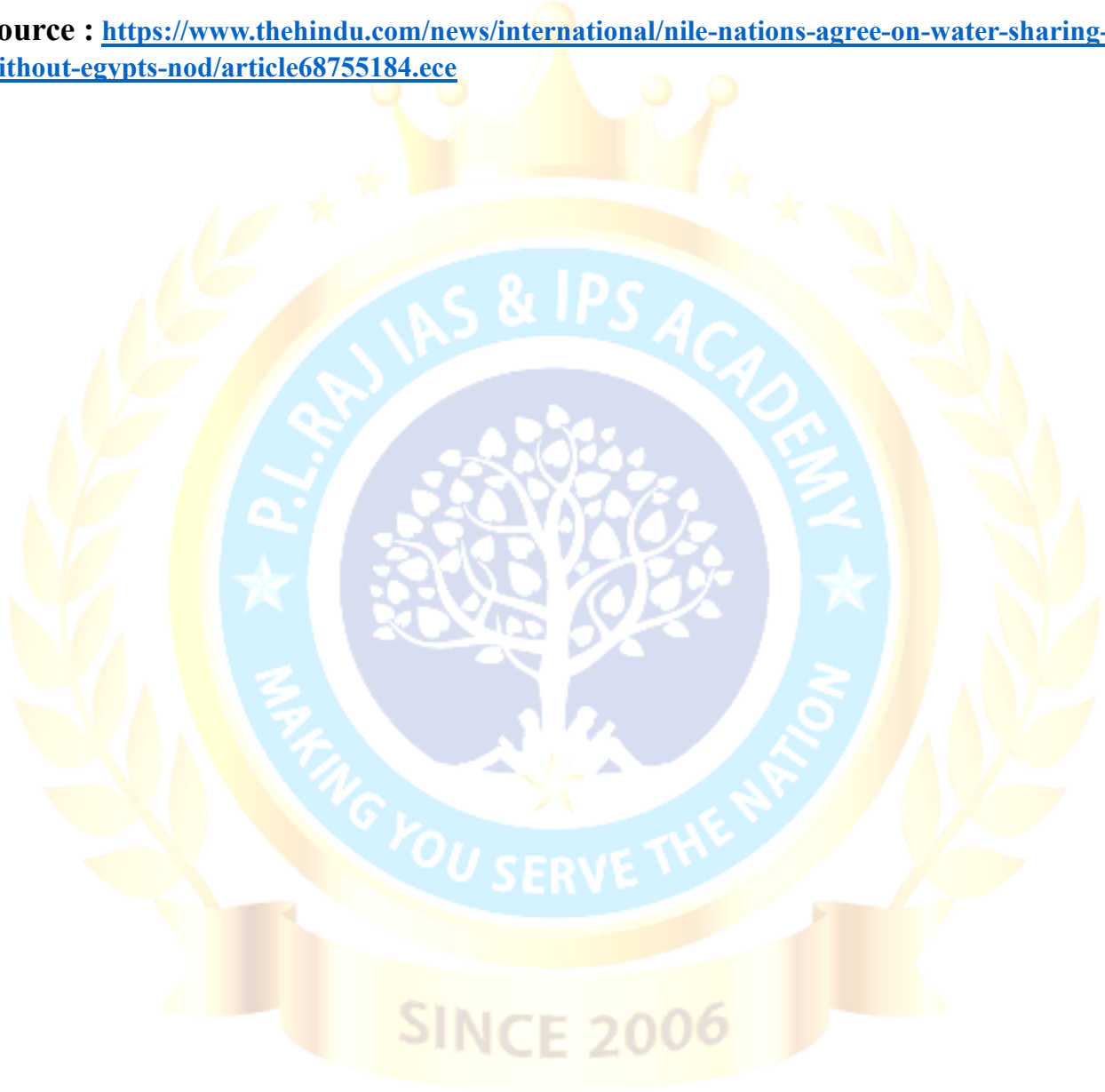


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- **Source:** White Nile (Lake Victoria) and Blue Nile (Lake Tana in Ethiopia).
- **Countries:** Flows through 11 countries including Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Republic of the Sudan, and Egypt, ending in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Economic Importance:** Vital for agriculture and irrigation in arid regions.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Pollution, dam construction, water disputes.

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